Non-inclusion of Air India for disinvestment

1363. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has not been included in the list of PSUs identified for disinvestment during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any measures to improve the performance of Air India keeping the company as a Public Sector Undertaking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Air India has not been included in the list of 13 public sector enterprises identified, with tight time-frame, to be disinvested this year.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Disinvestment of shares of HPCL and BPCL

1364. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Petroleum &Natural Gas has requested his Ministry not to disinvestment Government shares in HPCL and BPCL; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings is a continuous process. As a part of the process. Government keeps considering proposals for disinvestment in various public sector enterprises from time to time. The proposals are considered through Inter-Ministerial consultations and final decisions are taken. No decision has been taken in repect of disinvestment of Government held equity in HPCL and BPCL.